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The request for deferral/suspension of action under 37 CFR 1.103 has been approved.

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DETAILED ACTION

Status of the Application

Claims 1-7, 23, 24, 26 are pending.

Applicant's amendment to the specification, cancellation of claim 8, and amendment of claims 1, 7, 23, 24, in Paper No. 12, filed on 12/16/2002 is acknowledged.

The formal drawings submitted on 12/16/2002 have been reviewed and are approved by a draftsman under 37 CFR 1.84 or 1.152.

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-7, 23-24, 26 appear to be allowable over the prior art of record.
2. A reference relevant to the examination of this application may soon become available. *Ex parte* prosecution is SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF 6 MONTHS from the date of this letter. Upon expiration of the period of suspension, applicant should make an inquiry as to the status of the application.

Conclusion

3. Certain papers related to this application may be submitted to Art Unit 1652 by facsimile transmission. The FAX number is (703) 308-4556. The faxing of such papers must conform with the notices published in the Official Gazette, 1156 OG 61 (November 16, 1993) and 1157 OG 94 (December 28, 1993) (see 37 CFR 1.6(d)). NOTE: If Applicant submits a paper by FAX, the original copy should be retained by Applicant or Applicant's representative. NO DUPLICATE

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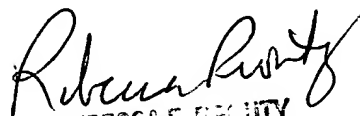
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Delia M. Ramirez whose telephone number is (703) 306-0288.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dr. Ponnathapura Achutamurthy can be reached on (703) 308-3804. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

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